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The Foundation of My Life

On my first day of school at Prince of Peace, I was very nervous that no one would accept me. Quickly, my nervous feelings disappeared. I have only been attending Prince of Peace for one year, but have made many wonderful memories here. I am positive that Prince of Peace Catholic School has taught me how to academically challenge myself, how to set and accomplish mental and social goals, and dive deeper into my faith.

Most students know how to engage and learn from a teacher's lesson, but do they know how to challenge themselves? Luckily, Mrs. Winebarger and Mrs. Marlar, who are my amazing fourth grade teachers, have taught me just that. They go above and beyond to help me in every way they can. Not only do they exceed expectations, but they also give certain challenges to me based off my skill level. Mrs. Winebarger also chooses monthly prayer recitations, some of which are in Latin. These recitations have helped me with public speaking and stage presence. I'm thankful I always feel challenged, because it is the only way I am certain to grow.

Every child should be taught how to set and accomplish their own goals. Based on what I've learned at Prince of Peace, I know how to do that. All of the staff at Prince of Peace work hard to help me set and achieve goals I'm capable of. They help me overcome mental and social challenges so I can set higher goals to achieve. Mr. Moreau, our physical education teacher, also helps me set physical goals that help me challenge and discipline myself independently. Since I know how to set and complete goals for myself, I feel like I can reach for the stars.

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Many schools don't attend a church service, or even teach religion. Learning religion is very important, especially if you are part of a Christian family. I learn about the saints by reading their biographies and prayers. The whole school also attends Mass every Wednesday in the church on campus. Above all of this, my favorite part is all saint's week when the students dress up as a certain saint and write an essay to present to their class. Practicing my faith at school makes me feel unique and special.

Because of Prince of Peace, I feel ready for higher level subjects, ready to advocate for myself, and feel closer to God. In essence, children should always have the type of education Prince of Peace provides because of the way it impacts you. It leaves me feeling like a stronger, unique person, ready to face reality. All the lessons Prince of Peace has taught me fit together like a small piece to help build the world.